

Texas Providers Webinar Highlights – October 19, 2021

Read below for topics covered or view the [full video](#) for detailed information.

COVID-19 Vaccine for Pediatric (5-11 years of age) – Pending FDA Authorization and CDC Recommendations

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)'s Vaccines and Related Biological Products advisory committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 26th to discuss the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children 5-11 years of age. Following this meeting, the **FDA** will need to issue a **formal authorization**. (Date unknown.)

- The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will then meet to discuss the clinical recommendations. ACIP is currently scheduled to meet on November 2nd & 3rd. However, this meeting could be held earlier depending on when FDA authorization occurs.
- Administration can only begin once **ACIP** has issued the **clinical recommendations signed by the CDC Director**. DSHS will issue a communication when providers can begin vaccine administration.
- The dosage for the 5-11 years of age group is **10 mcg, two doses, administered 21 days apart**.
- Providers should not administer the current formulation of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to children under 12 years of age. A **separate pediatric (orange cap) vaccine formulation** specific for a 10mcg dose will be introduced.

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Ordering & Reporting (5-11 years of age) – Pending FDA Authorization and CDC Recommendations

- Providers may begin to pre-order Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for the 5-11 years of age group starting **October 20th in the Vaccine Allocation & Ordering System (VAOS)**. Please place your orders **by Thursday, October 21st, 5pm CST**.
- Vaccine allocations will be made based on doses available to Texas. All requested doses may not be filled during the initial ordering.
- Order requests should be for a **minimum of 300 doses** and must be placed in **300-dose increments**.
- Providers are encouraged to place order requests with **first and second dose needs** in mind.
- All shipments must be accepted when delivered; exact shipment delivery dates for the initial order is unknown at this time.

Provider Resources:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Management Resources \(training and support materials\)](#)
- [ImmTrac2 User Training Site](#)
- [ImmTrac2 Forms and Documents](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment Information](#)
- [CDC Clinical Considerations for or Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- DSHS Provider Help Desk: (833) 832-7068, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Email: COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov

Session Live Q&A:

- Can we administer the "adult" COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine (purple cap) for the 5-11 years of age group?
- Will the ancillary kit for the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine be different than the ancillary kit that is shipped out with the "adult" vaccine?
- Are pediatric doses approved for regular freezer storage for any allotted amount of time?
- If we are providing the COVID-19 vaccine for patients who are 12 years and older, do we have to re-register to offer the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine?

